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STATE BUILDINGS RECEIVE ENERGY STAR LABEL

The Utah Energy Office, working in conjunction with the Department of Facilities Construction and Management, are actively improving the fiscal health and energy performance of Utah's state buildings. Recently, two state buildings qualified for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's prestigious Energy Star® Label.

On February 8th, 2002 EPA Administrator Christy Todd Whitman presented the Energy Star Label for the Department of Environmental Quality Building and Tax Commission Building to Diane Nielson, director of the Department of Environmental Quality. These buildings rate higher than 81% of similar office buildings nationwide in terms of energy efficiency.

For a building to qualify for the Energy Star Label, it must outperform at least 75% of similar buildings in the country. Building owners can rate their buildings and track and manage their energy performance through Portfolio Manager, a publicly available tool on the Energy Star website. Besides office buildings, the Energy Star Label is available to qualifying K-12 schools, hotels, hospitals, and supermarkets.

Improving the energy performance of state buildings not only saves money, it can also reduce pollution associated with the production of energy. Jean Lupinacci, director of the Energy Star Buildings program said, "We congratulate the State of Utah for managing these high performance buildings. Utah is leading the way by showing that fiscal responsibility and protecting the environment go hand-in-hand."

The State of Utah became a partner with Energy Star in January this year. For more information please contact the Utah Energy Office in the Department of Natural Resources at (801) 538-5428. For more information on Energy Star, please visit their website www.energystar.gov

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